



Billingshurst Primary School

Governor Newsletter

Learning, growing and achieving excellence together

December 2021

Hello and welcome to the last newsletter of 2021.

We were so pleased to be back in school during the first half of this term as it gave us the opportunity to meet in person again as a governing board as well as conduct face to face meetings with the new SEND Co-ordinator, Safeguarding lead and carry out our curriculum monitoring visits. However, the most valuable aspect of being back in school was being able to visit the different year groups and speak to the pupils who are polite, welcoming, and full of chatter about their learning. They are a credit to themselves and the school and are a good reminder of why we do what we do as governors.

"During my first term as Chair of Governors, I have had the pleasure of spending time getting to know the school well; meeting staff, talking to pupils and really getting to know what makes Billingshurst Primary School special. Your children are a joy and an absolute credit to the school. On behalf of the governing body, I would like to thank the staff for their hard work and dedication and you, our parents and carers, for your continued support of the school." Nicola Waters, Chair

Parent Survey

Thank you once again to all the parents and carers who took the time to fill in and return the survey at the end of the last academic year. We were pleased to have had a third of parent/carers respond and now we have analysed the answers in more depth and shared the key themes with Miss Williamson and the Senior Leadership Team. We had a very high percentage of parents/carers confirm that their child was happy and felt safe at school. A very high majority of parents/carers who responded also felt their child/children were supported by the school and that their needs were met. The parents/carers who were front-line/key-workers were extremely grateful to the school for catering for their children during lockdown.

Our areas of focus were on the home school provisions during lockdown and the ways in which the school communicates with parents. We shared these findings with Miss Williamson and the Senior Leadership Team who have acknowledged the comments. We will be aiming to conduct another parent survey next year.



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Governor vacancy

We have an opportunity for a keen and enthusiastic person to join the governing board in one of our parent governor roles. If you want to know more about the role and what it involves or you would like to put yourself forward for the position, please contact the school office or email:

govs@billingshurstprimary.org.uk

Fond farewells

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Hanington at the end of this term. We have been fortunate to work closely with her in her role as a staff governor for many years and although she will be missed by us (and the rest of the school!) we wish her all the very best. We would also like to say goodbye to the other members of staff who have left this term - a very big thank you and good luck to you all!

Merry Christmas!

We'd like to thank Miss Williamson, teachers and all the staff for their hard work in what has been a very extraordinary term. We know lots of members of staff have contracted Covid and the number of cases amongst pupils were very high too. It is during times of adversity that people pull together, and the BPS staff showed us - and the wider community - what a remarkable team they are.